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Theodore Dehona Judah was born in Bridgeport
Connecticut March 4th. His father the Rev-
Henry R. Judah was at that time Rector of
St. John's ^{Episcopal} Church of that City. (In the New St. John's Church
a beautiful memorial window was placed a few years
since by those who revered the memory of this good
man & beloved Rector.) While Theodore was a lad
his father was called to St. John's Church, Fort
New York. ~~accepted~~ ^{accepted} ~~and died while in charge of that parish~~
City ^{Theodore D. Judah} he ~~recd.~~ ^{recd.} his education, being a graduate of the
Troy School of Technology - then the only Institution of the
kind in the United States. His scientific mind recd. there
the sound learning & culture which marked his life - It is
not necessary for me to speak of his varied talents & his attractive
virtues - his work shows his own will - the love of his friends
bear testimony to his beautiful nature. The music of his
life - I know how he found out his soul in song & harmony -
"The Memorials" give many kinds of interest & better worded
than I do - His boyhood was spent among the
good people of ^{Troy &} St. John's Church had the best of people
among its members - Judge Buel & his family of good
noted among men, were his companions & the friendships
went through his life - He loved the organ and I have often
heard him tell how he wd. spend hours in the church at
the organ, playing mostly by ear - the boys blowing the same -
while Rector of that Church - His father died while Rector of
that Church & was buried in Westport - Conn. - The home of
his ~~maternal~~ ^{maternal} ancestors - so that young Judah was a New England
his mother a Southern lady of grace of German mind - Her
name "Dehona" comes from Bishop Dehonz of Virginia, who
was a close friend of his parents - After his father's death
at the early age of 42, his mother went with her family to
New York City, which was an after her home - soon after this
great sorrow of his life - Theodore went with S. W. Hall, Civil
Engineer -

on the Troy & Schenectady R.R.² and it was on that 18th
R.R. in N.Y. State he had his first experience in
R.R. Engineering - He had thought to enter the Navy
but and Capt. ^{Mr. Saml} Chad ^{Mr. Saml} had been taken for same - This opportunity
to go with Mr. Hall ^{Mr. Saml} a distinguished R.R. Engineer ^{Mr. Saml} decided
him in his life profession - He was going ^{Mr. Saml} but
his ability was appreciated & he had to do with the
various enterprises of New England & New York State from
that time till he went to Cal. - to build the first R.R.
West of the Rocky Mountains - The Sac. Valley R.R. ad
you to well known - At one time he was Resident Engineer
on the Erie Canal - located at Jordan - ^{Seneca} Seneca Falls
or so - ~~at~~ at the time he went to Cal. he was living in
Buffalo, N.Y. having charge of the Buffalo, N.Y. R.R. then
building across the state to connect with the Erie R.R.
Determined that he laid out it was built under him
the R.R. down the gorge of the Niagara River to
Lewiston, Lake Ontario - When that enterprise was being
talked about & doubted as ^{Mr.} feasible - Mr. Judah said
to the gentlemen interested among them Mr. J. D. Whitney of the
famous Cataract House - "Gentlemen raise ^{the} money
and I will build yr. road" - He was the only Engineer
who believed in it, who had gone over the ground and did
it not show what was in the man then to grasp ^{the} the gigantic
and the daring? The R.R. was a success & stands today a
monument to his Worth & Power - On Cottage on the bank of
the River bet. the Falls & Suspension Bridge is still there
with the beautiful view at back of both falls & Whirlpool
Rapids below the S. Bridge - He selected the site & then
had his R.R. office & did his work for that in those days
wonderful piece of R.R. ^{Engineering and} work ~~the~~ - It was through all this
work in R.R. work in N.E. & N.Y. State that young as he was, had
given him the reputation & acquaintance, which sent him to Cal.
Gov. Seymour & Silas Seymour were his friends & when
Col. C. L. Wilson came on from Cal. in 1864. joined with the

idea of an enterprise like the R.R. fr. Sac. City to Negro
Bar. (now Lohr) the rich places gold diggings of the
American River - There gentlemen with others - said to
him - "we want a young ^{Civil} engineer just the man for
you - if you can get him" - They telegraphed ^{him} at
Buffalo to come to N.Y. at once on business - "I am
will remember it - his coming home - saying - "I am
going to N.Y. on tonight's train" - Showing me the telegram
"I must respond to the call from such men, tho. I don't
know what's up" - ^{Woman like} I wanted to go - but it was not yet - the
3rd day fr. that I did - telegram - "Be home tonight
we sail for Cal. April 2nd" You can imagine my
consternation - on his arrival that night - it was all laid
out before me - with these words - "Anna - I am going
to Cal. to be the Pioneer R.R. Engineer of the Pacific
Coast" and to know that Country & to build the Pacific
R.R. It is my opportunity - tho. I leave so much behind
having a fine position &c. &c. He had always talked, read,
studied the ^{problem of the} Continental Railway - used to say "It wd.
be built & he was going to have something to do with it" -
wd. build a ^{romantic} story out of it and ^{make} the
laugh his friends have had at his "Air Castles" &c. &c.
^{It may be} I was just the wife for him. (Tho. I did
not know it then as since) for I never held back
always as he used to say, "had the right pair of gaits"
on - "Thank God it was so" Three weeks from the date
of the telegram sent me - we were on the Atlantic enroute
for Greytown. Nicaragua (and here wd. come in an interesting
note or note fr. my journal ^{my notes} on that wonderful voyage ^{Ship caught - and})
We had broken up our pretty nest in Buffalo - gone to live home
in Greenfield, Massachusetts - where I was fitted out for the trip
to Cal. What an event it was in those days - my good mother
as well as father - gave us all their energies - tho. with full hearts
you was a hard thing to send an only daughter so far

away and it was a great ^{to me} undertaking in those 4
days - they went ^{to me} with my two brothers - I did then to see
you off - it was a sad parting - but we were full of
youth & hope & they of most prayerful trust -
Just two years from the ^{month} ~~date~~ of our departure we
were back in C.R. & Gfd - Theodore to go to
Washington - to try and impress some of his
^{original} R.R. ideas & knowledge gained in the far West
upon Congress - his Reports tell the magnitude
of his labor - and will give better data ^{than}
I can here put down - I'm sure I was always
with him and shared every hope and aspiration
of his genius - "God moves in a mysterious way" that
he should call him home & leave me to be the
living witness of it all - sometimes I am eddy - when I
am oppressed with the burden of it all, the years
of silent injustice heaped upon me - ^{Oh, God!} I have felt
if I could only climb to the summit of the Sierras
where I stood with him, those long years ago -
looking West & East - over the mighty ^{could} ~~summit~~ stretching
out before us - and shout to the world my story -
It would be a revelation indeed - "truth is mightier
than fiction!" my heart is overwhelmed within me as I write
and my only cry now is "lead. Oh lead me to the Rock that is higher
than I" "Be still & know that I am God" - To enter into the
hidden secrets of my poor heart - all, all I know of the wrong
done - the injustice is not what you want - but it is a part of the
story & how can I go on with fear it open? The books of
Reports sent - tell Mr. Ingham's work in Cal - better than
I can do it - The subject matter is there - the ^{said} personal is within
me as it were - The different interests Mr. Ingham represented
in Cal - are told in the Reports - you know as I do - even ^{than} he did

from the time he went to Cal. - to the day of his death, was for the great ^{Pacific} Continental Rail Way. Time, money, brains, strength body & soul were absorbed in the burden of his thought day & night - Caring of his conversation - till I used sometimes to say - "Those people don't hear" - or you give your thunder away - he'd laugh & say - "But we must keep the ball rolling" - In Washington he labored at his own expense ~~and as for~~ time & place he went on there - till he made up his mind he wd. never go to Washington again till he had been over the Sierra Nevada mountains, made a survey & went back to W. with his maps. & profiles, ^{calculated} v. c. for a P.R. across the Sierra - in his own words - "that - what I believe without it - I can intelligently show to members of Congress &c. - and they cannot gain say my honest convictions as now" - Oh! how we used to talk it all over & over on the steamer - we arrived in San Francisco - he was in the mountains accompanied by Dr. D.W. Strong of Dutch Flat. Cal. - whose friendship was assured & who was truly a nonpareil - Together they went ~~there~~ ^{over} the difficult - passed ^{through} the Dutch Flat ^{or Donner Pass} & no one knew what they were doing, some friends in S.F. Sac. &c. The Engineer was in the drug store & examining ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{my} friends - It was in the drug store Dr. Strong ^{at} Dutch Flat - that the first profile was marked out fr. notes taken by them - Dr. Strong used to tell a thrilling story of their last night in the mountains - came near being snowed in & got up middle of the night from their camp and started out in the darkness to find their trail & were so soon over they - Indah ed. - and sleep or rest after they got into town the store - till he had stretched his paper on the counter & made his figures ^{shown} - then turning to the Dr. said - for the first time - "Dr. I shall make my survey over this, the Donner (Indah for Dutch Flat route above any other" - Then his work getting up the interest - was forming something he cd. call a Co. ^{or corporation} - before he came to Sac. And money was subscribed by some of the leading men of that mountain town. Then & then - His labors in San Francisco - to get the capitalists, men with whom he had, more or less association - to be his backers - night & day he talked & labored with them - The ~~next~~ ^{next} a meeting was called at the office of a leading Cal. firm of S.F. Mr. Indah left me, at the Russ House when we were stopping

firm in the faith - the Gallatin he was to reach
that we - would give him the aid he required
to make his survey and following spring - on the
world ^{would} be his "backers" ^{the Company} - for the Pacific RR.
He left me in high hopes - (But let me say I da.
name any person - none of them were the present Co.
which were bound to disappoinment - and why
not because they did not believe in ^{the project} Indian Int. They were
all ~~these~~ large interests in various ways and if Congress
did not pass a bill no Road ed. to build & even then they
thought it wd. take from 12 to 20 years to build it - ~~of~~ ^{of}
of Indian's asserting seven years or. do it under the pro-
-visions of such a bill as he believed ed. to pass
in Congress - ~~doomed to disappointment~~ They did not give him
the encouragement he asked & many disappointed that night
on his return from that gathering - his words to me, were thus -
"Anna if you want to see yr - friends in the A.M. you must pack
your bag & but to see them - for I am going up to Sacramento
in the boat tomorrow. Mr. Brewster that I say to you
tonight, so you can tell me some time, not two years will
go on the heads of the gentlemen I have left tonight
but they wd. give all their hope for in their ^{present} enterprises & business,
to have what they put away from their tonight. I shall
never labor any more with them. I am going to Sacramento
and see what I can do with the citizens & business men
of that City" - How it was carried out to the letter? Mr. Upson
then ed. of the Sa. Union the leading paper of the State. Not
his fast friend & committee always ready to publish anything
he wanted to say on R.R. Road & here. Together they called
a meeting of the Citizens of Sac. City the very next day
after his return - out of that gathering & the work done then
^{by} these two men - came what followed in quick succession
It was not the old "wise heads" as had been written
"tim & again" around the stove in the back part of a N. St.
hardware store" that did inaugurate the P.P.R.
It was the fire & brains of pen & press - they the five men,
Indian could pull on these "far seeing" wise men -

it was fairly local &
 Was this? You are trades man here in Sa. City
 your opportunity. yr. business is here. Help me to
 make the Survey - I'll make you the Co-
 And with the bill passed - you have the
 Control of business interests, which make yr-
 fortunes in trade re. ^{if nothing more} They grasped that I was
 led to do what he asked simply through that
 the first money they subscribed was \$50,000 a piece.
 To help him make some survey on the Lavee on
 Fort St. ^{the Cannon River} He said to me - "if you want to see the first
 work done on the O. R. R. look out yr. bed room window
 Venue House / I'm going to work there this A.M. and
 I'm going to have these men pay for it" - I replied
 "Am glad, for it's about time somebody else helped"
 It is a fact - even after the Survey was made & the
 next winter's work done in Congress - the bill
 passed in the following July - and Mr. Judah
 was back at his post - the work started - they
 did not take it in, as an overland enterprise -
 He used to say - When he came fr. Directors
 meetings - "I cannot make these men appreciate
 the 'Enterprise' they have on their shoulders - they
 won't do what I want or must - we shall just as
 sure have trouble in Congress as the sun rises in the East.
 if they go on this way, they will not see it, as it is ²
 something must be done. I will not be stultified before Congress
 and the world" - & he has struggled -

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He had bought them a Paradise Plaid at their
door. rightly used, gave them unlimited credit
throughout the world. and they wd. beggar it -
On some of those days were temper but - he felt
they were ungrateful to their host & to him - but
Stanford was a "Judah man". so long as he
lived, he was loyal & believe - Charles Marsh,
Dr. Shung. were fast friends. On those days
I could write volumes. but it is all. all too personal.
Mr. Judah saw he must place himself differently
and he went on to accomplish it. It is
better shown by his words to me on the steamer En route
for N.Y. Oct. 1863. He had secured the right
and had the power to buy out the men opposed to
him ^{and the true interests of the Pacific R.R. at that time} was arranged for a meeting in N.Y. City
on his arrival, of gentlemen fr. Boston & N.Y. who were
ready to take their places. They never see them (two)
of the gentlemen came to see me in my off. house thinking
I might be able to give them points for their interests so you see
they were in earnest. I have digressed. Theodore said once
one day, lying in his berth - you in the sea chair outside
dearaddy - "Anna what cannot I do in N.Y. now?" I have
always ^{had} set my brains against other men's money - now
with money equal - what can I not do? That was
why he made any sort of a settlement with the Co. he
wanted money to go hand in hand with his brains.
and he knew what he could do. It was all laid
out. but God killed it offensively & "called him home".
"Done with the Pacific R.R." going to Europe to travel with
his wife and such false stories were circulated &
printed. Oh it was such a sin and shame.

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Less than three months ago. have seen him
back. These men satisfied with their \$80.00
and new men in their places. His death
made these men realize the value of what
they had, for others who appreciated the value
(perhaps too late) made attempts to get it
from them in various ways. I could go
into more detail - but why is it necessary?

They will live - it is hard to kill them out -
The papers, letters, scrap books contain much
of what I have scribbled down - only I will
tell it ^{to you} or the part which passed with us as
husband & wife. our hopes, our aspirations -
our bits of talk - our anxieties and our fears of
one another's freedom - Glory there's enough for all, any
one who had anything to do with the Great Enterprise
without detracting one from the other and I would be
the last one to take one iota of credit due any in-
dividual connected with the Pacific R.R. from them
You know how I was always with my husband and did
my part to cheer and comfort him. The experience of three
eventful days was broad & wide & spreading ^{over} far more
than I at the time understood. But my heart was
in all his work and I knew it was hope & discouragement.
The manner of our lives together was from a volume -
The way it was a charmed life for the time. Then said
what I did. and the sketches, tin barium and various bits
I did were taken by him to Washington to add to the various
interest. Then I found them as I followed him to ^{Washington} the
Capitol. The Pacific R.R. room in the Capitol. here & there
I traced ^{above} the points of interest on his maps & profiles

men, Senators & members of Congress eager to know and
 hear all he could - Show & tell them of the Survey and
 his gigantic work - How well I remember going there
 one day - meeting Gen. Tom. Ewing then intended on a
 Kansas R.R. Enterprise - After talking with a while of the
 my experience on the Survey - The life so full of romance
 and my bits of work spread before us - He laughingly
 said "Indeed I see you wife has learned her lesson
 well - She's as enthusiastic as myself & believes in the Pacific
 R.R." without a shadow of doubt - Turning to me, he said
 "Let us hope Mrs. Lusk are will all go on a grand
 excursion via the Sierras to Donner Lake
 some time" - My sketch of the Pass - Donner Lake &
 the "Saddle back Mountain" as I named it - The view
 below of the Lake - were engraved on the 1st, the original
 stock certificates of the Central Pacific R.R.
 The ^{original} sketch was framed & given Gov. Stanford -
 after I had made a larger one in pastel for the house
 which hung over his desk in his private office - Central
 Pacific R.R. N. St. Sacramento, Cal. at the time of his death
 and which was sent to me after the same and how
 hangs in my study room, on the mantle, with his
 photo under it - I only mention these things as of close
 personal interest and to show how we stood hand in hand
 in every thing and that I know whereof I speak -
 The burned into my very soul is the memory of those days -
 And I see him, standing as it were single handed and alone
 "Rail Road Crazy" as he was often called - His four trips
 to Washington, what did they not hold of labor & struggle? But
 from in his faith - he worked away - defeating every obstacle
 in his power and turning to grasp every new hope & encouragement -
 He believed in the ultimate success & the crossing of the
 Sierras just as much before as after his survey - His
 genius told him - it was that or he could not have done as he
 did -

Let me go back and speak of Mr. Judah's Rail Road
experience in New England - He was on the New Haven
Hartford & Springfield R.R. located in the City of Hartford
for a time - then came with Col. Childs Chief Engineer
of the Connecticut River R.R. and making his headquarters
at Granfield. Mass. - here he found his wife - Anna T.
Dierce only daughter of John J. and Eliza Dwight Dierce
both of the good New England stock - Mr. Dierce ^{one of the}
~~as you will find in his time~~ ^{as you will find in his time} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~leading~~ ^{leading} ~~business~~ ^{business} ~~men~~ ^{men} ~~of his native town~~ ^{of his native town} ~~the town~~ ^{the town}
prominent in all the business & religious interest of this his
native town - honored & respected and leaving a good name
to his sons - Charles D. & John D. Dierce which they have
never disgraced - The latter now living on the ~~estate~~ ^{family}
estate - You know our dear bro. Charlie died a year ago
It may be of interest to you to know that my Mother's birth place
and the estate of her father & grandfather is the property now
called Mc. Hermon. Will. Mass. - the Moody School for boys.
The house she was born in, is standing & occupied by the
Superintendent. Mr. Judah was married in the Episcopal
Church. Yst. Mass. Mr. Dierce at the time the San. Warden -
from Mr. Judah also did good R.R. work in Vermont. at
Vergennes - building what in those days was considered a very fine
bridge - showing his ~~little~~ ^{little} ~~scientific~~ ^{scientific} ~~mind~~ ^{mind} skill in no small degree.
I could go on on in detail - but it seems to me - you
must weary and indeed very much of it is familiar to you.
It was a singular fact - that - the last nail of the Pacific
Rail Road - was laid on the anniversary of our wedding day -
10th of May - It was nothing to gathering of great many and
in with the "gold spike" of fame - nothing to any living person - but
the widow of Shadore D. Judah, who alone in her quiet New England home
knew & read anything relating to it as it flashed across the Antennae of telegraph
& say alone - it was truly so. for I refused myself to anyone - I could
not talk of the common events of daily living - it seemed as tho. the spirit
of my brave husband dreamed upon me - and together we were there
nearer, meant for a man - certainly it was a coincidence - a
link for me to pick up & hold on to - in the chain of hallowed memories